

Amendments to the specification

Page 1, at line 7, please insert the following subtitle and paragraph:

Cross Reference to Related Application

This application is related to USSN 09/679,494 filed October 4, 2004 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Scanning Oversized Documents".

Page 19, please revise the first whole paragraph to read as follows:

Referring to Fig. 4 herein, there is illustrated schematically a logical architecture of the scanning apparatus described with reference to Fig. 2 herein. Within the scanner 201, the user interface 308 comprises a plurality of activation switches provided on the casing 100 of the scanner device. The activation switches may include an activation switch for a two-scan operation involving two separate passes of the scanning head across the scan plate, and an activation key for a three-scan operation which involves three passes of the scan head across the scan plate. Additionally, there is provided a 'start' key for starting a scan operation, and there may be provided a 'scale' key which is depressed in order to scroll up or down on a display unit on the casing a percentage size enlargement or reduction of the scanned image. The user interface 308 in the scanner, whilst provided in the best mode implementation described herein, is not essential, and can be replaced by a mouse driven menu presented on the computer entity 200 in user interface component 304. In addition to user interface 304, and memory 302 which preferably comprises a disc storage memory, scan application 305 of the computing entity comprises a control component 400 for controlling [[can]] operations of the scanner over a control cable interface between the computing entity and the scanner device 201; a matching algorithm 401 for matching first and second image data with each other, the first and second image data having overlapping portions; a stitching algorithm 402 for combining accurately a plurality of scan images received from

scanner 201; and a feature detector 403 for detecting features of an image data to act as reference points.

Page 20, please revise the first whole paragraph to read as follows:

In step 502, the user activates the scanner to perform a scan operation, for example by activating a switch provided on the scanner casing 100 indicating a two-scan operation. The two-scan switch activation on user interface [[408]] 308 calls up a program to operate a two-scan process as described herein after with reference to Fig. 9. The scanner proceeds to make a first scan of the document, producing a first image data. In step 503, the user repositions the document on the scan plate into a second orientation as illustrated schematically in Fig. 7 herein. In the second orientation, the first and second edges 601, 602 of the document are reversed respective to the scan plate, such that the second edge 602 of the document is adjacent the first edge 205 of the scan plate, and the first edge 601 of the document overhangs the scan plate. The fourth edge 604 of the document is adjacent the third edge 207 of the scan plate. The document is rotated 180° in the second orientation, relative to the first orientation. In step 504, the user activates the scanner to perform a second scan operation, for example by depressing a scan activation button on the scanner. The scanner scans the document in the second orientation, producing a second image data.

Page 22, please revise the paragraph beginning at line 12 to read as follows:

On a user activating a scanning operation, having selected a document size, the first dialog box 800 is replaced by a second dialog box 900 as illustrated in Fig. 9 herein. The dialog box 900 is generated in the case of a two-scan operation for scanning legal documents by selection of two scan selection box 803. In the second dialog box 900, which appears once the first part of a two-

scan mode of operation has been activated by activating scan icon [[807]] 808 with a mouse or other pointing device, a graphical presentation of the scanner device and placement of the document on the scanner device in a second orientation in accordance with the first user model is displayed 901, together with instructions 902 for a two-scan mode of operation according to the first use model. A user may then follow the use model by activating a first scan of a document by placing a pointer icon over a 'scan top' icon 903 to obtain a first image data, after first having oriented the document in a first orientation according to first model, and then scanning the bottom of the document by activating a scan bottom icon 904 which activates scanning of a second image data from the document placed in the second orientation by the user. The user can cancel the operation at any time during the two-scan operation by activating cancel icon 905. A preview display 906 may be provided to allow the user a preview of the scanned first and/or second image data corresponding to the first and/or second orientations of the document, before those first and second images are saved to the file selected from file selection display 802.